

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

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1. A digital home communication terminal for enabling subscribers to simultaneously display services from a plurality of transmission channels received from a Digital Broadband Delivery System (DBDS), on a display, wherein at least one of the transmission channels includes electronic program guide data, comprising:

a plurality of tuners for receiving the plurality of transmission channels, each tuner tuned to a channel of the plurality of transmission channels and wherein at least one tuned channel includes electronic program guide data; and

an output port for transmitting representations of all the services received over the plurality of tuned channels, wherein at least one service includes electronic program guide data, and wherein the representations of services are displayed simultaneously on the display.

2. The digital home communication terminal of claim 1, wherein at least two tuners of the plurality of tuners can receive electronic program guide data.

3. The digital home communication terminal of claim 1, further comprising a central processing unit for requesting electronic program guide data from the DBDS.

4. The digital home communication terminal of claim 1, further comprising a database for storing electronic program guide data

5. The digital home communication terminal of claim 1, wherein the plurality of tuners are capable of simultaneously receiving digital and analog transmission channels.

6. The digital home communication terminal of claim 1, further comprising a graphics engine for generating representations of electronic program guide data for display on the display.

7. The digital home communication terminal of claim 1, further comprising a graphics engine for scaling down the spatial resolution of video pictures received via one of the transmission channels.

8. The digital home communication terminal of claim 6, further comprising a security processor for selectively authorizing subscribers to view the representations of electronic program data on the display.

5 9. The digital home communication terminal of claim 6, further comprising a media memory, wherein the media memory works in conjunction with the graphics engine to display graphics and video simultaneously on the display.

10 10. The digital home communication terminal of claim 9, wherein graphics and video corresponding to electronic program guide data and multiple television channels, respectively, are simultaneously displayed on the display.

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11. A method for enabling the simultaneous viewing of multiple television channels and electronic program guide information, comprising:

receiving a plurality of transmission channels, wherein each transmission channel  
5 includes one or more services, and wherein at least one service includes electronic program guide data;

generating electronic program guide information from the electronic program guide data; and

displaying services from the plurality of transmission channels on a display  
10 simultaneously with the electronic program guide information.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein displaying the services comprises displaying the plurality of services from the plurality of transmission channels and wherein each  
15 transmission channel has associated electronic program guide data simultaneously displayed as electronic program guide information therewith.

13. The method of claim 11, further comprising receiving a request for electronic program guide data from a subscriber and in response thereto displaying the plurality of  
20 transmission channels and electronic program guide information.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein receiving a request for electronic program guide data comprises receiving a request for the viewing of electronic program guide data for a  
transmission channel.

15. The method of claim 11, further comprising receiving electronic program guide data  
25 in response to a request for electronic program guide data.

16. A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) that enables subscribers to receive and customize the display of electronic program guide (EPG) information corresponding to a plurality of video pictures, comprising:

5 a plurality of tuners for receiving a the plurality of video pictures, wherein at least one tuner receives electronic program guide data;

a configuration manager enabling a subscriber to select multiple video pictures of the plurality of video pictures and representations of the electronic program guide data, and an output port for transmitting the multiple video pictures and representations of electronic  
10 program guide data to the display, such that the multiple video pictures and representations of the electronic program guide data are simultaneously viewable on the display.

17. The DHCT of claim 16, wherein the configuration manager further enables the subscriber to view and scroll through multiple video pictures simultaneously, wherein each  
15 video picture corresponds to a television station.

18. The DHCT of claim 17, wherein the configuration manager further enables the subscriber to simultaneously view and scroll through multiple video pictures and representations of electronic program guide data corresponding to each of the multiple video  
20 pictures.

19. The DHCT of claim 17, wherein the configuration manager queries the subscriber for preferences, wherein the configuration manager utilizes the preferences to determine the manner in which EPG data is presented to the subscriber.

20. The DHCT of claim 16, wherein the configuration manager further enables the subscriber to selectively and simultaneously display, on the display, television programs airing on each of the television stations received by the DHCT via the plurality of tuners.

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